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Docket No. 04776.81658

**Title: SPEECH RECOGNITION TECHNIQUE BASED ON LOCAL INTERRUPT  
DETECTION**

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit  
the below remarks.

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**REMARKS**

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A non-final Office Action was mailed February 28, 2002 with regard to the above-captioned application. Applicant respectfully traverses and requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moore et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,284; hereinafter "Moore") in view of Houser. The Examiner has noted that Moore fails to teach "detecting the presence of an indicator during speech that activates the speech recognition processing." To overcome this deficiency, Houser is cited as teaching "a